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## NEUMANN KNIGHTS



Serving St. John Neumann & Resurrection Parishes

## From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

We just celebrated Thanksgiving with our families and friends giving thanks for the many blessings we have received. I trust that you reflected for a few moments to acknowledge why you have been so blessed and why you continue to face challenges that the Lord has placed before you. Now we begin



Advent which will allow us to continue our reflection while doing penance, giving alms, fasting and serving our parish community. My Brothers, during this time of preparing for our Lord's coming, I ask you to continue praying to strengthen our resolve to stand tall in our faith and pray for our citizens and those in harm's way. I ask you to join me in this prayer of hope.

"Lord, grant our citizens of this great nation the wisdom and understanding to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. You are our Lord and King, the Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace."

Before I close, I am pleased to announce that our December 12th Membership Meeting will be a bit different in format. We will begin at 6:45pm with a very short meeting followed by a Holiday Reception of good food and fellowship ending when the last one goes home. (No later than 9:45pm) The Officers and Directors are preparing this special evening for YOU and your significant other! Please come and join us for this evening of brotherly love and fellowship! You make your reservation by clicking here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-46021819-december

I wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season.

Chuck "CJ" Lang

General Membership Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Baldwin Hall. Officers meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Baldwin Hall and are open to all members. Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz09 All meetings are held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

If you can not attend the general meeting you are encouraged to attend via Zoom. To Attend just click on the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz09

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## A Message from Our District Deputy By DD Dan Timmerman

I want to thank my brother Knights in District 114, for their donation of diapers and baby wipes for the Heart of Christ Clinic. The clinic is for women and children and is located at the former convent at the Basilica of St. Anne in southwest Detroit. and will address physical and spiritual needs. One of the partners is the Michigan Knights of Columbus. There is a chapel on site, where the plan is to have Knights lead a rosary several times a month. Mass will be offered. The clinic will have a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, medical assistants, and office assistants. They will offer services from pre-natal through death. The medical

director OB-GYN is a Knight from the Daniel Lord Council #3959, in Livonia. With your contributions the district was able to donate 2,922 diapers and 9,896 baby wipes, due in large part to a \$400 donation from the Renaud Council#3292 in Plymouth. Thank you for all your support.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Timmerman - District Deputy

Knights of Columbus District #114

## Welcome New Brother Knights

Please welcome our newest brother knights. All these bothers completed the Exemplification hosted by the State council at Resurrection parish on November 5th.

Stephen (Steve) Piontek Keith DiMaria,

Benard (Ben) Klinkhammer Jim DiMaria,

Arthur (Art) Michalak Luke Buehler

Robert (Bob) Godek Mark Muelle



The State council hosted a great lunch after the ceremony. TJ McCully did a presentation on Frateral Benefits during lunch.



#### Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

#### Saturday, December 2

9:00am 24 Hour Adoration

#### **Thursday December 7**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

#### Friday December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

#### Tuesday, December 12

6:45pm Membership Meeting and Holiday Gathering

#### Wednesday, December 13

6:30pm Keep Christ in Christmas poster Judging

#### Saturday, December 16

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

#### **Thursday December 14**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

#### **Thursday December 21**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

#### **Monday December 25**

Christmas

#### Tuesday, December 26

7:00pm Business Meeting

#### **TBA January**

Freethrow

#### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:30pm Knights Nosh! 7:00pm General Meeting

#### Sunday, January 21, 2024

10:00am Cathedral Community Grill

#### Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00pm Business Meeting

#### Saturday, February 3, 2024

International Dinner

Mike Tallman is interested in men helping him judge posters for the Keep Christ in Christmas event. Judging on December 13 at 6:00 pm. You can contact him directly. Tallman.michael@gmail .com or click here to sign-up.

## Knight of the Month Marshal Grazioli

Marshal has been a parishioner of St John Neumann since 1991 when he and his family moved back to Michigan from Baltimore. He is a founding member of Council 16169. He currently serves as Lecturer and Life



Programs Director in our Council as well as the chair for the Respect Life Ministry for the parish.

In the recent past Marshall has facilitated fund raising for the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia though the Flapjack 5K/10K run and their fall fundraiser banquet and participated in the 1st annual Michigan March for Life in Lansing last week.

Brother Marshall facilitates the Council Youth Free Throw and Soccer competitions. He also teaches Religious Education for 7<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Thomas a Beckett. Here at St. John Neumann he serves as a Lector and substitute Extraordinary of Holy

Communion. Along with his wife, Colleen, and Larry and Cathy Redman, he facilitates monthly Connect Group meetings. You will also see Marshall Participating in the weekly Men's prayer breakfasts.

Marshall leads an active life by Participating in the Northwest Catholic Softball League, the Holy Rollers Bowling League and the Knights of



Columbus bowling tournament. He plays coed soccer in the Stay and Play Social Club along with plenty of golf in addition to running, biking, swimming, and doing triathlons. Additional hobbies are playing guitar and researching family history and attempting to learn Spanish.

Recently he retired from a full-time career as a Civil Engineer. He has been married to Colleen for 38 years. Marshall is the father to Kevin, (wife Christine and granddaughter Emma, with another on the way), Andrew (wife Kara), and Michael (fiancée Becca).

## Sign up opportunities

The following activities are available for online signup Just click to volunteer:

<u>December 1/2: 24 Hour</u> <u>Eucharistic Adoration and</u> Greeter

<u>December 2: Outdoor Christmas</u> <u>Lights and Hot Chocolate</u>

December 12: Membership Meeting and Holiday Reception

January/February 2024: Cans for Seminarians Help

## Free E-Membership

The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney has been extended again!

The free online membership code is BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

- Direct prospects to <u>kofc.org/</u> joinus
- Enter promo code <u>BLESSEDMCGIVNEY</u>
- Enter your membership number for sponsor credit,

## Protecting God's Children

The Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are committed to protecting children and adults from harm. Protecting God's Children is a three hour workshop that helps individuals understand the commitment and actions needed to ensure a safe environment. Participating in the workshop is required for anyone that will be working with children and young adults.

Sessions can be found at www.virtusonline.org

To attend a workshop:

- 1. Go to <u>www.virtusonline.org</u>.
- 2. Click on First Time Registrant.
- 3. Register for the course ASAP.

## Family of the Month: The Crabill Family

John and Roxanne Crabill have been married 46 years They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. Granddaughter Jena currently lives with them. The Crabills have belonged to St. John Neumann since 1985.



John, who has been a member of the SJN Knights of Columbus since 2015 (founding member), also ushers at the 10:30 Mass.

He is a member of the Holly Rollers bowling team and has worked at the St. John Neumann blood drives for 10 years in the cantina. John also Is a small group leader in the Edge program

for middle school youths

Brother John has participated in many of the council's functions which includes working on the Halloween Dance many years, serving as the event coordinator for the last 2 years. You will also find John every Thursday at the men's prayer breakfast.

Roxanne is a member of the St. John Neumann Woman's organization. She has served as a Catechist for 30 years, is a past Eucharistic minister and past alpha host. Roxanne has been a member of the OCIA team For 5 years and participated in the Vacation Bible School. She also is a member of the Holy Rollers Bowling team. Roxanne serves on the Jessie Tree committee and as an Edge volunteer.



Jena is a junior at Canton High School and is on the softball team. She attends the youth group on Wednesday nights. Jena has helped with the Vacation Bible School for many years.

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### **Brother Knights and Friends** That Are In Need our Prayers



Laura Budzisz, daughter of Bro Ron Budzisz Daniel Day, supervisor of Bro Roger Biernat Kim & Ryan Brown, parents of Griffin Brown Diane Gavala, friend of Ron Kretschmer State Treasurer Charles E. McCuen, III A safe pregnancy of Tiffany and Paul Morgan, friends of Roz and Joe Bradley. Tiffany is pregnant with quadruple babies.

Jackie Brannon, friend of bro Gary Sienkiewicz

Ellen Nelson, friend of bro Bill Springer Tony Sereno, friend of bro George Peters Brother Jim Jermanus **Brother Joe Bradley** 



## December Birthdays

Philip M Mckay (12-01)

James L Whitney (12-02)

David P. Trost (12-10)

Gary R Sienkiewicz (12-11)

Andrew J Miller (12-12)

Patrick W Mulcahy (12-12)

Emmanuel C Asika (12-13)

Ronald A Budzisz (12-14)

Dan Schneider (12-15)

Stephen J Guilfoyle (12-16)

Tom Borke (12-19)

Walter T Stang (12-19)

James C Demmer 1(2-20)

Lawrence J O'Hara (12-21)

Jesus Christ (12-25)

Camillius M Jankowiak (12-27)

Gerald T Heiss (12-29)

Michael M Myers (12-31)

Steven Polidori 1(2-31)



Greg Pietron (4)

## Years of Service as a Knight 1 to 4 Years of Service

Leo A Tykoski III (4) James C Demmer (4)

Austin R Lynn (4) Jonathan J Otten (4)

#### 5 to 9 Years Service

Nicholas L Brown (5) Martin J McClellan (8) Edward F Curley (7) Kenneth J Svoboda (8)

#### 10 to 24 Years Of Service

Raymond L Coppiellie, (10) Ronald E Kretschmer 1(17)

#### 25 Years or More Of Service

Hans K. Hansen, FDD, PGK (25) John W Brennan (33) Joseph W Pryce (39)



### Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Liz Polovich (12-01)

Ronald G & Mary Letourneau (12-06)

Steven & Jennifer Polidori (12-05)

David P. & Cheryl Trost. (12-30)

If your wedding anniversary is not listed, it is because we do not know the date of your anniversary. If this is the case, please send the date along with your wife's name in an email to our Financial Secretary (johnlutz@wowway.com) and he will enter it into the Knights of Columbus records.

# Attend the Meeting from your easy chair

Many times members are not able to attend the council general membership meetings. This may be due to a lack of transportation, it may be that you are out of town, or it may be that you are just a little under the weather. No matter what the reason, now you can attend from the comfort of your own home. Our council has purchased

Attend the Meeting From anywhere in the world!

the needed equipment to bring the meeting to you.

Follow the link below and you will be brought in to the attendance of the meeting. The

link can be used anywhere in the world. During the November meeting, eight of our members attend via this link. We are looking forward to a larger online attendance in the future. Hope to see you there next meeting.

Join the Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608? pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz0

Meeting ID: 336 823 5608 Passcode: 969135

Our council meetings are held every second Tuesday at 7 pm. You can join thru this link starting about 6:30. You have the option of using your camera or not.



# Coats of Rids

Article by Larry Redman & DGK Steve Sarlitto Photos by Larry Redman

Thank you Brother Knights! Our council donated \$1500 for the 2023 Coats for Kids campaign. On Saturday, November 11th, we were fortunate to help set up and distribute coats to those in need. Our distribution site was St. André Bessette parish in Ecorse.

The brother knights and family members that assisted in the annual event were:

Gene Suchyta

Roger Biernat

John Crabill

Steve and Pam Sarlitto

David and Cheryl Trost & Daughter

Larry and Cathy Redman

Steve Otting and his Grandson



The event was well organized but unfortunately there were not as many people from the community showing up in need of coats. It was still a great success in helping those who were in need and in fitting their children with new coats. Certainly seeing the smiles on the children's faces was also very rewarding. The coats that were not distributed were boxed up with anticipation of having another distribution at St. Anne's Church in Detroit on December 2nd.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

December 12 is the next 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration. A strong presence over the 24 hours of this Eucharistic Adoration is

requested by Fr. Paul and the Grand Knight.



Please note that, for Eucharistic Adoration, any and all family members are welcome (these times are not limited to just Knights).

Finally, the Knights of Columbus will be providing greeters for 24 Hour Adoration from 6:00pm to 6:00am as has been done in the past. One hour shifts will be available.

Please click here to sign-up.

# Membership Update



Council membership information is as follows: The gain quota from Supreme

for the 2023 -2024 Father

McGivney Award is 12. So far this fraternal year we have 16 new members. This means that we have already exceeded the goal.

Our grand knight has set forth the challenge to double that goal by the end of the fraternal vear next June.

If you know of any Catholic man that might be interested in joining our council please contact the Membership director or any officer. Our current membership is 206.

## By Law Amendment Passes

The resolution to amend the by-laws to increase the amount of yearly dues has been published and discussion has been on the agenda for the past two months.

During our last business meeting in November, the resolution was brought up for a vote. The resolution to change the dues passed with no dissenting votes. Therefore the resolution will now become a permanent part of the by-laws.

## Hats, Shirts, Badges & More

Brother Joe Bradley is the contact person for name badges csmjb@protonmail.com (734-673-0004) The cost of a badge is



n o w only \$7, with the council covering half

the cost. Brother Mike Cartier is the contact for shirts, jackets, hats, etc. Contact Mike at mikeandnoel81@comcast.net (734-459-5635)

## Cathedral Community Grill

On Sunday, January 21, 2024, we will be helping at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament Community Grill, 9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202 (click here for map). This event is an outreach on behalf of the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the neighboring community. The goal is to meet the need of the low-income residents in the area while



providing a place for people to develop relationships. Volunteers are primarily asked to provide and serve the meal. Assistance with set up and tear-down would also be helpful.

Please click here to sign-up.

## Successful First Fall Fest



The St. John Neumann Fall Festival was held on Saturday. October 7. 2023. Brother Bill Springer chaired this first time event. Besides the fun, the festival included a 5K costume run/walk. For this. our

first run, we had 7 participants. The winner of this event was Marshal Grazioli. Dave Kubinski was the "point" Knight who ran this event

Another event was a chili cook-off. There were six entrants. They included Steve Otting ,Chuck Lang ,Steve Sarlitto and Pam ,Gwen Miller, Theresa Smyth and Len Carravallah and Laura. The winner was determined by the number of votes each contestant received. Brother Steve Otting's chili was the overall winner. Joe Smyth ran the chili cook off.

A third event during the festival was the corn hole tournament. The tournament was a round robin. There were five teams (Bill Springer

played as a solo). The winning team was Midwest Tae Kwon Do. Brother Len Carravallah ran the corn hole tournament.

This event raised \$1500 that helps our council continue all the good works that our councils does over the year.

Thanks to Bill and team for all the hard work that was put in to this new fundraising event.



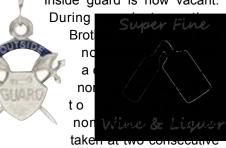


on the outside of the church on Saturday, December 2, 9:30AM. Be sure to dress warm, as it is December in Michigan! Hot Chocolate will also be available! This is a great way to help out the church and add some fraternal service hours!

Please click here to sign-up.

## Nominations and vote next meeting

Due to the unexpected passing of Brother Robert Liebau, the position of Inside guard is now vacant.



meetings. Following these nominations a vote of the membership mus place. Therefore, at the next but meeting nominations for the position will be opened and followed by the vote of the membership present.

# Wine Tasting EVEN

By Keith Laurin

The First Annual Knights of Columbus Wine Tasting event was

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'113 people attended this inaugural event, which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed with all indications of it being a worthwhile annual night of fun, camaraderie and fundraising.









Eucharistic Adoration Fridays: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the main Church after the 9 am Friday Mass. Exposition is made available until 7pm concluding with benediction. Come in to pray and spend some time with the Lord.

## Why does KofC Sell Insurance?

As we all know, the supreme council sells insurance. The question frequently arrises, "Why does the Knights sell insurance?"

The response to this question according to our KofC web site is as follows.

In that spirit, Father McGivney set off with "entrepreneurial zeal" to establish the Knights of Columbus. In his own words, Father McGivney wanted the organization to "unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of the deceased members."

The initial system of "life insurance" designed by Father McGivney was a simple one, a pass-the-hat system through which each member could help support his brother Knights.

As membership grew so too did the insurance program. The Knights of Columbus has passed many milestones and received many accolades along the way: \$113 billion of life insurance in force; over 40 years of superior ratings from A.M. Best; and 18 consecutive years of sales growth, but all that is secondary.

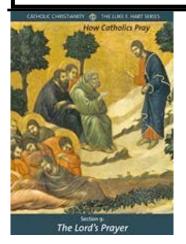


None of our seminarians should be forced to leave the seminary because they don't have enough money to complete their studies. Our council is asking the parishioners of St. John Neumann to continue to donate cans and bottles to the Knights of Columbus, with the proceeds going to help seminarians of our Archdiocese. The knights will have control again of the bottle collection starting January.

For this to be successful, we need <u>your</u> help! Volunteers are needed to pick up cans and bottles from the church and return them to get the deposit back.

Brother Steve Otting is leading this effort. Volunteers are being asked to collect a few times on Monday through Thursday or they can volunteer to collect on Friday through Sunday. (Note that the first and the last time slots may have an additional day or two or may be shortened by a day or two depending on when the months start and end.)

Steve Otting can be contacted via email at <a href="mailto:dotting@comcast.net">dotting@comcast.net</a> or called or texted at 734-788-0446.



## This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

### 119 - The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is "the summary of the whole gospel," Tertullian said. And we dare to pray it regularly. The Catechism teaches us that "The Lord's Prayer brings us into communion with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. At the same time it reveals us to ourselves. Praying to our Father should develop in us the will to become like him and foster in us a humble and trusting heart" (2799-2800). Essential to our Christian formation is the important fact: the Lord's Prayer reveals us to ourselves. Indeed, Christ reveals us to ourselves.

Click here for this months audio version of Featured Booklet

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure. <u>Download PDF.</u>

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### Men's Prayer Breakfast Men of St. John Neumann

All men of the parish are invited to come join us for faith, food and fellowship! Our Men's Prayer Breakfast meets every Thursday at 6:00am in Baldwin Hall! The breakfast lasts exactly one hour. Stop on your way to work. Just show up - no reservations needed.

Now there is a Saturday edition. Every fourth Saturday of the month men from St. John Neumann gather for an hour of prayer, fellowship and food. This is the Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday Edition. Note the Saturday edition is moved to the third Saturday for the month of December.

For more info Contact: Ron Kretschmer 734-756-4425

# Your Volunteer hours are worth MONEY

Most of us put in many hours of volunteer work throughout the year. Some of this is with Knights of Columbus sponsored functions like the Coats for Kids program, the soccer ball tournament and the MI Drive for the Mentally Handicapped. Some of us volunteer in Church in roles as Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, leading the rosary or other such events. Some of us just do volunteer work in our everyday lives, such as visiting the elderly or sick, shoveling the neighbors snow, or driving a person to the doctor or to get groceries.

We may do these things and not even think of them as volunteering. Then comes the end of the year and David Trost, our council's program director, will ask you to tally these hours. If you are like most, you don't remember all these little things that we did months ago. David has developed a spreadsheet that he recommends we can use year around to keep track of these hours of volunteering.

Why is this important? The supreme council sells insurance as was explained in a separate article. As a results of this a profit is made. This profit then allows our organization to perform many charitable programs each year. This profit is taxed by the government. However, your volunteer hours can be deducted from the profit by being priced at a minimum hourly rate.

Therefore, at the end of the year when the council asks for your volunteer hours, please be generous and report every hour that you gave, even if the hours were not performed as part of a KofC function.

The form that David developed to help you keep track of your hours can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

For any questions please contact David at <a href="mailto:PD16169@mikofc.org">PD16169@mikofc.org</a> .





## Cleaning the Lord's House

During the month of October, our council showed up in force to clean the Resurrection parish grounds. On Saturday, November 4, 2023, members of St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus and other parish members participated in the fall clean-up of the church grounds. Flower beds were cleared and replanted, trees trimmed and general cleanup work was done to spruce up the landscaping. This project was headed by Brother Knight Ron Kretschmer.

Thanks to all those who showed up to beautify the Lord's house.







## Pope John XXIII Assembly News

This event was held on Veterans Day at 11:00. This is the 4th time we have displayed the banner that PFN and District Master Gene Suchyta had made at for event.





The 2023 assembly Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00pm. Please <u>click here</u> to signup to let us know how many people will be coming (family is welcome to attend), as well as a dessert to share!

During the past month the color corp stood guard over the casket of Sir Knight Robert Liebau. Also at the funeral



Lady Delores was presented with a Chalice that will bear the name of Sir Knight Liebau. Lady Delores requested that the chalice be presented to Fr. Paulo. He will remember Sir Knight Robert at every mass the chalice is used.

The Pope John XXIII Color Corps participated in the following November Events: November 7: Bishop Monforton Installation, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral November 11: Service Members and Veterans Mass with Reception, St. Fabian November 12: Fr. Victor Renaud Council 3292 Corporate Communion, Our Lady of Good Council

On December 16, at 12:00PM, Wreaths Across America will be held at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. All all welcome to join the assembly to help pay tribute to deceased veterans.



# Christmas in The Philippines Update

By Ronald Rathbun

For the past 29 years, many of the southeast councils of the Knights of Columbus have supported a program that has come to be known as the "Christmas in the Philippines".



With funds donated by these councils and assemblies, along with donations from private individuals, food goods are purchased and repackaged and, with the assistance of the Catholic Church and the local Philippine Knights councils, I and the members of the Knights and the Church, enter in the poorer communities of the area and invite them to receive a Christmas gift of fish, noodles and rice.

We have already purchased over 1.6 tons of rice and the fish and noodles. Even if the prices of food has risen dramatically in the past year we were able to negotiate fair prices. Again this year each pack should cost about \$2.20 (US).

For those who would like to know more please contact Brother Ron at ronaldrathbun@gmail.com. Tax deductible donations may be sent to:

Elizabeth Foundation 12149 Laginess LaSalle, MI 48145